- Reduction in the tariff of all Basic and Cellular services.
- Launch of One India tariff schemes.
- All exchanges have been made Digital and new Remote Switching Units (RSUs)/Digital Line Concentrators (DLCs) are provided to improve service quality.
- Rehabilitation of outdoor network is done on continuous basis to reduce fault rate.
- New value added services like broadband, Intelligent Network Services are provided to landline customers at affordable rates.
- Aggressive roll out of cellular network and broadband services.
- Opening of Sanchar Haats, Customer Services Centres, appointment of dealer/agent and other methods to facilitate easy bill payment.

Compulsory registration for ISPs

†2591. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have issued orders to make registration compulsory for Internet Service Providers (ISPs); and

(b) if so, the number of companies registered so far with action ensured against those not yet registered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. However, Service Providers are required to obtain Licence to provide Internet Service.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Remedial measures taken by HDTA

2592. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing landline, Mobile and WLL phone connections during the years 2003-04 and 2005-06 under Hyderabad District Telecom; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.